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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants:	Max Aebi et al.	Confirmation No.:	4698
Application No.:	10/539,659		
Int'l Appln. No.:	PCT/CH02/00704	I.A. Filing Date:	December 17, 2002
For:	INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT WITH JOINT PARTS MOUNTED ON ROLLER BODIES	Attorney Docket:	8932-1179-999 (new) (formerly LUS-16089)

New York, New York 10017
September 14, 2006

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**PETITION FOR FILING BY OTHER THAN
ALL INVENTORS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Robert Frigg, Dominique Burkard, Beat Lechmann, Paul Pavlov, and Robert Mathys Jr., joint inventors of the above-identified patent application, hereby petition for entry of their Declaration that they have executed on behalf of themselves and on behalf of Max Aebi, a joint inventor who has refused to join in the above-identified application.

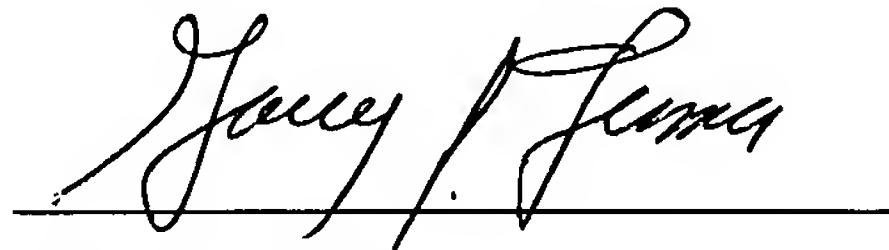
In support of this Petition, applicants submit herewith a First Statement Of Facts by Carrie A. McPherson, a patent paralegal employed by Synthes, Inc., the controlling corporation of the assignee of the above-identified application, and a Second Statement Of Facts by Garry J. Tuma, the undersigned attorney for applicants. The two Statements detail proof of pertinent facts showing that Max Aebi has refused to join in the above-identified application.

The last known address of Max Aebi is as follows:

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Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted and that their Declaration be entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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**FIRST STATEMENT OF FACTS
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Sir:

I, Carrie A. McPherson, a patent paralegal employed by Synthes, Inc., the controlling corporation of the assignee of the above-identified patent application, make this Statement in support of a Petition For Filing By Other Than All Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), submitted concurrently herewith, in connection with this application.

The joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application are Robert Frigg, Dominique Burkard, Beat Lechmann, Paul Pavlov, Robert Mathys Jr., and Max Aebi. All joint inventors except Max Aebi have executed a Declaration,

which I understand is being submitted concurrently herewith in reply to a February 14, 2006 Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

On August 22, 2006, I forwarded via e-mail to joint inventor Max Aebi, at his last known e-mail address of max.aebi@memcenter.unibe.ch, a copy of the above-identified patent application and a Declaration. In my e-mail, I asked Dr. Aebi to indicate whether or not he is able/willing to sign the Declaration, and if so, to review, sign and date the Declaration and return it to me preferably before September 12, 2006. I attach as Exhibit A a copy of my August 22, 2006 e-mail to Dr. Aebi.

I also attach as Exhibit B copies of the delivery status notification e-mail and attached text files that I received, indicating that my August 22, 2006 e-mail to Dr. Aebi was successfully delivered.

As of this date, I have not received an executed Declaration or a reply to my August 22, 2006 e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,

September 13, 2006

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Attachments: Exhibits A and B



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8932-1180-999)

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/539,659
Filed June 14, 2005
Corresponding to PCT/CH02/00704
Titled "Intervertebral Implant With Joint Parts Mounted On
Roller Bodies"
(00070-05PUS1; 8932-1179-999; LU1981)

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/539,660
Filed June 14, 2005
Corresponding to PCT/CH02/00705
Titled "Intervertebral Implant With Tilttable Joint Parts"
(00093-05PUS1; 8932-1180-999; LU1982)

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Titled "Intervertebral Implant Comprising Joint Parts That Are
Mounted To Form A Universal Joint"
(00083-05PUS1; 8932-1181-999; LU1983)

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/538,950
Filed June 14, 2005
Corresponding to PCT/CH02/00707
Titled "Intervertebral Implant"
(00082-05PSU1; 8932-1182-999; LU1984)

Dear Dr. Aebi:

Attached please find a Declaration for each of the above-identified patent applications in which you are named as an inventor. Also attached is a copy of each application as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

We understand from the University of Bern that you are not permitted to sign the Declarations. Please confirm that you are following the University's instructions in your refusal to sign or if you otherwise cannot or will not sign the Declarations (you do not have to tell us why).

If, however, you are able/willing to sign the Declarations, please review the attached applications and, if they are in order, please sign and date the Declarations where indicated. If any minor changes need to be made to your name and address, please make the corrections and then

initial and date the changes.

Please return the executed Declarations to me at your earliest convenience and preferably before September 12, 2006.

It is important that you let us know whether or not you are willing to execute the attached Declarations. If you refuse, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has a special procedure we can follow.

With best regards.

Carrie

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**SECOND STATEMENT OF FACTS
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Sir:

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On August 22, 2006, after receiving a copy of Ms. Carrie A. McPherson's e-mail of even date to joint inventor Max Aebi (please see Ms. McPherson's Statement Of Facts submitted concurrently herewith), I performed an Internet search to confirm Dr. Aebi's mailing and e-mail addresses.

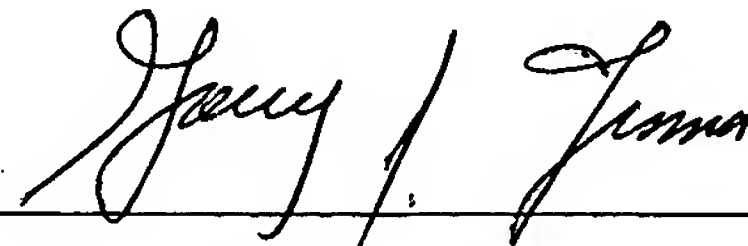
At the University of Bern's Web site, I confirmed that Dr. Aebi is the director of the Institute for Evaluative Research in Orthopaedic Surgery, his e-mail address is max.aebi@memcenter.unibe.ch, and his mailing address is as follows:

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See Exhibits 1-3; emphasis added.

I also attach as Exhibits 4 and 5, respectively, copies of August 10 and 16, 2005 letters from our foreign agent (Dr. Lusuardi AG) to applicants' former attorney (David E. Spaw, Esq., of Rankin, Hill, Porter & Clark LLP) indicating that joint inventor Max Aebi was already at that time refusing to sign any papers related to this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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In 2003 the MIB was dissolved and its parts were restructured: Prof. Hunziker became Director of the newly formed ITI Research Institute for Dental and Skeletal Biology and Prof. Lutz Nolte, a member of the MIB team since 1993, formed the new Institute for Surgical Technology and Biomechanics (ISTB). In conjunction with the newly created Institute for Evaluative Research in Orthopaedic Surgery (IEFO, formerly MEM-CED) directed by Prof. Max Aebi, the ISTB forms the University of Bern's M.E. Müller Research Center for Orthopaedic Surgery.

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In mid-2004 the MEM Research Center moved to its own facilities in the Wankdorf district of Bern. The 'new' building is actually a historical landmark, the Leinenweberei Schwob, which used to house a textiles manufacturing plant and in more recent times the Mechanical Engineering Division of the Fachhochschule Bern (University of Applied Science, 

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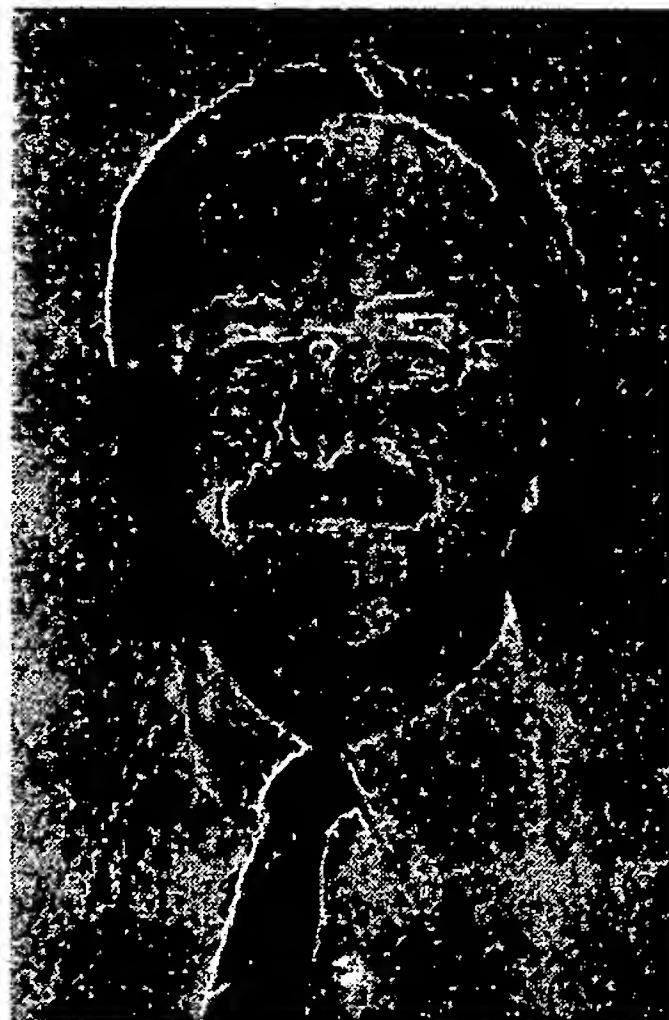
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**Re.: New national phase of PCT/CH02/00704 in the USA for
„Intervertebral implant with joint parts mounted on roller bodies“
in the name of Mathys Medizinaltechnik AG**

Dear Mr. Spaw,

Herewith we are informing that there are some internal problems between the applicant and the Inventor Prof. Max Aebi.

The reason of this problems is that Prof. Aebi is not willing to sign any documents in order to transfer the rights of the above mentioned Patent Application to the applicant.

Under this circumstances, we kindly ask you to prepare a respective document (Affidavit) to be signed by Mathys Medizinaltechnik AG (Mr. Robert Frigg, Chief Technology Officer), which enables the transfer of the above application to the applicant.

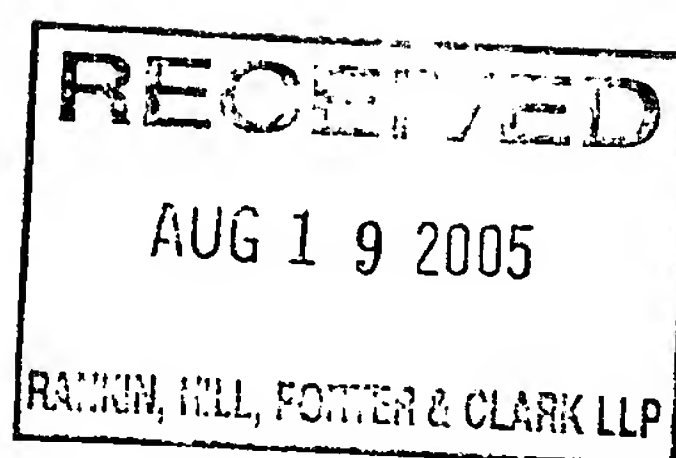
The outstanding Documents signed by the other Inventors will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Should you required more detail information, please let us know.

Looking forward to hearing from you, we remain with best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Spaw,

Please find enclosed the Originals of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as well as the Assignment Document duly signed by all Inventors except of Prof. Max Aebi due to the problems mentioned in our letter of August 10, 2005.

Please file the enclosed Documents at your Patent Office as soon as possible. As soon as we receive the Document (Affidavit) from your side, we will forward it to our clients for signing.

We thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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